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MILWAUKEE POLICE OFFICER SHOT IN CARJACKING

Officer was off-duty; returned fire striking suspects

An off-duty Milwaukee Police Officer was shot early Monday morning by an armed suspect during a carjacking. The Officer was still in his uniform but had on a civilian coat and was driving his personal vehicle. He had finished work and stopped at a gas station in the area of W. Hampton and W. Appleton Avenues at about 1:20 a.m. to purchase gas and salt for his driveway.

When he exited the gas station, he was confronted by three male suspects; two armed with handguns. The suspects ordered the Officer into his own vehicle at gunpoint. Two suspects got into the vehicle with him. The third suspect drove off the lot in another vehicle.

The suspects drove to an alley in the 8100 block of W. Hampton Avenue and ordered the Officer out of the vehicle. Outside the vehicle, the Officer began to back away from the suspects when one suspect fired a shot at the officer, striking him in the stomach. The officer was still wearing his ballistic vest, and the bullet did not penetrate the vest.

Even after he was shot, the Officer was able to draw his service weapon and return fire at the suspects. The Officer then called Milwaukee Police.

Soon after, responding officers located the suspects in an apartment in the 7700 block of W. Hampton Avenue. Two of the suspects, both 17-year-old males, had been shot and were taken into custody. They were being treated at an area hospital. Neither of their injuries is believed to be life-threatening. Two other people in the apartment with the suspects also were taken into custody, two males, ages 18 and 23 and a female, age 24. It was not immediately clear if they were involved in the incident.

One firearm was recovered in the alley where the shooting occurred. As of 4:10 a.m., Milwaukee Police were awaiting a search warrant for the apartment where the suspects were located.

The Milwaukee Police Officer involved in the incident is a 36-year-old male with nearly six years of Department service. He is assigned to District 2. The Officer suffered trauma to his torso as a result of the shooting and was conveyed to an area hospital. He was treated and released.

The incident is under investigation by the Milwaukee Police Department and the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. As is standard operating procedure, the officer will be placed on administrative duty pending the completion of the investigation.

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